

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & TRAINING

DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICIANS

1511 Pontiac Avenue, Bldg 70, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Cranston, RI 02920

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

9:30am

In attendance: Frank Benell, Jr.

Keith Burlingame

Michael Daley

Stanley Davies

William Lepore, Jr. Chair

Robert Zuba

Also in attendance were Robert Fratus, Electrical Investigator; and Angelyne Cooper, DLT Legal Counsel.

1.) Call to Order: William Lepore, Jr, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:33am.

2.) Minutes of the February 18, 2015 Meeting: Frank Benell Jr. made a

motion to accept the minutes of February 18, 2015 meeting as written; seconded by Michael Daley and passed unanimously by the Board.

3.) Conflict of Interest – Legal Counsel will address the Board concerning compliance with conflict of interest requirements: Angelyne Cooper, DLT Legal Counsel, reminds board members that they are subject to the RI conflict of interest laws and of their responsibility to disclose conflicts of interest, financial or otherwise, and should recuse from hearing and voting on the matter.

4.) Violation Appeal Hearings:

C&K Electric Co., Inc. – Violation 5062: Board member Michael Daley recused.

Robert Fratus, DLT Chief Electrical Investigator; and Robert Kelman of C&K Electric Co., Inc. are sworn in for testimony. Robert Fratus reads the violation into the record.

**Location of Violation: New Okonite Location on Industrial Road
Cumberland 02864**

Violation: RIGL 5-6-2 Work for which license required.

On 2/11/15, Chief Electrical Investigator Robert Fratus and Chief Mechanical Investigator Nicholas Ranone made a site visit to the new Okonite Location on Industrial Road, Cumberland, RI 02864. I

witnessed David Ray, an employee of C & K Electric, performing the electrical work of roughing in and terminating an electrical panel. Mr. Ray did not have a current Electrical license.

Robert Fratus provides testimony.

Robert Kelman of C & K Electric provides testimony.

Stanley Davies made a motion that violation 5062 did occur, seconded by Keith Burlingame. Frank Benell Jr, Keith Burlingame, Stanley Davies and Robert Zuba were in favor. There was no opposition. Michael Daley recused. Motion passed.

Keith Burlingame made a motion based upon testimony and the actions taken that the fine be imposed but suspended for a period of one year and if there is no further activity against license A-1237 that it be dismissed. The motion is seconded by Frank Benell Jr. Frank Benell Jr, Keith Burlingame, Stanley Davies and Robert Zuba were in favor. There was no opposition. Michael Daley recused. Motion passed.

The recommendation of the board will be forwarded to the Director's office.

Martin P. Hill DBA / Hill Electrical Services – Violation 5059: Martin

**Hill is sworn in for testimony. Robert Fratus was previously sworn.
Robert Fratus reads the violation**

Location of Violation: Tanglewood Apt. 1565 Douglas Ave., North Providence, Rhode Island.

Violation: RIGL 5-6-2 Work for which license required.

On 2-5-2015 Mr. Martin P. Hill DBA / Hill Electrical met with Juana Rosales, the Apprenticeship Training Coordinator, and Robert Fratus, Chief Electrical Investigator, at DLT headquarters to discuss the fact that Mr. Hill DBA / Hill Electrical Services did not renew his apprenticeship agreements. In the meeting on 2-5-2015 Mr. Hill was asked if the apprentices had performed any electrical work in Rhode Island from 9-1-2014 to 2-5-2015. Mr. Hill admitted that they had at Tanglewood Apt. 1565 Douglas Ave., North Providence, Rhode Island and other locations in Rhode Island.

Robert Fratus reads a letter from Mr. Hill into the record. The letter is marked States Exhibit A. Testimony is given by Mr. Fratus and Martin P. Hill.

Michael Daley made a motion based on the evidence presented, Mr. Hill's voluntary admission and compliance that the matter be dismissed. Frank Benell Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The recommendation of the board will be forwarded to the Director's office.

5.) Trade Source - Discussion: The Department has reached a decision. John Shaw will address the Board at the next meeting.

6.) 15 Hour Continuing Education: It is working.

7.) Old Business: Status of recommended legislative changes: Michael Daley addressed the Board.

S-602 was referred to Senate Labor. As of this morning no hearing date has been scheduled.

H—5709 was referred to House Corporations. No hearing date has been scheduled yet.

8.) Old Business: Discussion of Rules and Regulations: A meeting was held earlier in the week regarding the recent legislation regarding the Renewable Energy Professional Contractor certificate. The meeting was to attempt to clear up the wording of "apparatus". Regulations will need to be prepared.

The Board previously took a position on “apparatus” that was sent to the Director and requested a notice be sent to all electrical and building inspectors in the state of that position. Keith Burlingame inquired of the status of the letter. Legal Counsel will research.

9.) Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Michael Daley and Frank Benell, Jr. There being no opposition, the meeting adjourned at 9:59 am.